

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In the treatment of inflammatory disease in a warm-blooded animal, the improvement which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III to said animal.
2. In the treatment of neurodegenerative disease in a warm-blooded animal, the improvement which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III to said animal.
3. In the treatment of neoplastic disease in a warm-blooded animal, the improvement which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III to said animal.
4. The method as recited in claim 1 where in the compound of formula III  $R_1$  is COOH,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are together as a double bond, and  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are each Acetyl.
5. The method as recited in claim 2 where in the compound of formula III  $R_1$  is COOH,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are together as a double bond, and  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are each Acetyl.
6. The method as recited in claim 3 where in the compound of formula III  $R_1$  is COOH,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are together as a double bond, and  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are each Acetyl.